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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF CAMBODIA

IPF:(1992-96) $105 319 000

(CMB/91/008) - Transport Rehabilitation Study

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	28 October 1992	
Expected duration:	12 months	
Proposed executing agency:	The Asian Development Bank (AsDB)	
Government implementing agency:	The Supreme National Council of Cambodia (SNC)	
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 744 400	Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$ 744 400	
Parallel Funding:	$ 600 000	Source of funds: AsDB
Administrative & Operational Support Services	$ 74 400	Agency: AsDB

Project background

Cambodia's transport system has been heavily damaged and/or severely neglected during more than 20 years of conflict. External support to the transport sector during the 1980s was very limited and confined to assistance from the former Eastern Bloc. This assistance came to a complete standstill in 1990.

UNTAC's operations and rehabilitation programmes place immense demands on the country's already fragile transport infrastructure to support. Also, Cambodia's reconstruction and socio-economic development will depend to a great extent on the rehabilitation and improvement of the transport sector.

The Secretary-General's Appeal for "Cambodia's Immediate Needs and National Rehabilitation" identified a total amount of (US)$ 77 million to meet the most urgent rehabilitation needs in the transport sector during the transitional period. In view of the magnitude of the rehabilitation effort, and the multitude of project proposals emanating in this regard, a systematic approach must be adopted for the planning, coordination and financing of future investments in the transport sector.

The present project will facilitate the coordination and funding of capital and technical assistance in the transport sector. It will determine priorities for the rehabilitation of the transport infrastructure and undertake pre-investment studies for emergency and other specific rehabilitation projects. The project will cover the roads and bridges, railway, ports and inland waterways sub-sectors, thereby focusing on arterial movements and systems of passengers and goods transport.

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[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Description of project

The immediate objective of the project is to facilitate the planning, coordination and funding of technical and capital assistance for the transport sector in Cambodia by screening and prioritizing Cambodia's most urgent transport rehabilitation needs. and preparing priority rehabilitation projects at the pre-feasibility level to be submitted for funding to the donor community.

At the end of the project it is expected that: (1) the existing key transport facilities, current traffic volumes and forecasts of future traffic volumes requirements will have been assessed; (2) a programme of emergency and other priority projects, identifying both capital investment and technical assistance requirements, will have been developed in two phases: ▸ a first port-folio of urgently needed rehabilitation projects prepared at the pre-feasibility level to be presented for funding to the donor community after four months of project activities, and more specifically to the AsDB which has allocated (US)$ 34 million for the transport sector under the Special Rehabilitation Loan for Cambodia designed for quick implementation and disbursment in 1993/1994; ▸ a second port-folio, finalized in 12 months which will include less urgent rehabilitation projects requiring more in-depth analysis in engineering and economic terms for implementation during the next five years; (3) the national institutional and technical capacity in the transport sector will have been assessed and a range of options for related sectoral refoms and training requirements will have been prepared; and (4) two donor coordination meetings, i.e. one after four months and one after 12 months will have been organized to seek donor funding.

Inputs

UNDP will provide one work-month for an evaluation consultant; 55 per cent of the total cost of a subcontract which will entail: ▸ the services of a team of consultants comprising, a senior transport economist for 12 work-months, a transport economist for 11 work-months, a senior highway engineer for 12 work-months, a mechanical engineer for 10 work-months, a bridge engineer for six work-months, two railway specialists for four work-months each, a port engineer for three work-months, an environment specialist for one work-month and the procurement of project equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Under a parallel funding agreement, the AsDB will provide (US)$ 600,000 for one work-month for an evaluation consultant; 45 per cent of the total cost of the subcontract; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	13 800
Subcontract	728 400
Miscellaneous	2 200
Total	744 400

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